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INDOT Announces Safe Routes to School Funding for Carmel Schools

Carmel to host three bicycle derbies at Carmel and Clay Township schools

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. – The Indiana Department of Transportation (INDOT) has awarded more than \$2 million in federal Safe Routes to School (SRTS) funding for projects and activities to help provide Indiana school children with a safer way to walk and bike to school.

Safe Routes to School aims to make bicycling and walking to school safe and routine for Indiana students. The federally funded program recognizes traffic congestion, fuel consumption and air pollution near our schools, coupled with growing health and childhood obesity concerns, makes walking and biking to school an attractive low-cost way of getting to and from school. This is the first year Safe Routes to School funds are available.

This year, Carmel and Clay Township schools are among the recipients of Safe Routes to School funding:

- **Carmel and Clay Township Bicycle Derby:** A \$2,000 reimbursement will allow the City of Carmel and the Carmel Clay School District to host three bicycle derbies at schools in Carmel and Clay Township. The derbies will teach children and their parents about the benefits of bicycling, emphasize the safe and proper ways to ride a bike and encourage children and parents to bike to school.

For more information on the Safe Routes to School Program, visit INDOT's Safe Routes to School Web site at www.in.gov/dot/div/programs/saferoutes or visit the Federal Highway Association's Safe Routes to School Web site at <http://safety.fhwa.dot.gov/saferoutes/>.

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